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Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" The Hon. Minister says that green manure can be taken under permits from all the forests in Gingee taluk. Sir, during the year 1952–53, permits were issued to carry green manure only in respect of Karai reserve forest. May I know whether the Government will enquire why permits were denied in respect of other forests? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In 1952–53, free removal of green manure was allowed not only in Karai forest but also in Muthukadu, Gangavaram, Siruvadi and Adukkam forests."

Conference of the members of the panchayat boards in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 702 Q.—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions relating to the difficulties and disabilities of panchayat boards passed at the Conference of members of the panchayat boards in Malabar and South Kanara, held in 1954 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Question No. 994 answered on the 30th March 1954."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" There is considerable dissatisfaction about the way the Panchayat Boards are functioning. Obviously the finances are short of the responsibilities entrusted to them. Will the Government constitute a committee to enquire into the working of the whole Panchayat Act? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" We will certainly go into it."

Appointment of Revenue Divisional Officers in Tanjore district.

* 703 Q.—Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the posts of Revenue Divisional Officers were filled up in Tanjore district ;

(b) how many of the persons appointed were in the eligible list ;

(c) whether there are any persons belonging to the Backward Classes among them ; and

(d) the procedure adopted in the matter of filling up these posts?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) to (d) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Applications for the sanction of electric connections in the Madras City.

* 704 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications for the supply of electricity to houses pending with the Madras Electricity System, Madras City, on 1st January 1954;

(b) the number of applications sanctioned and the number of houses to which supply has been given; and

(c) the amount of collection by way of installation costs and deposits received in the year 1952?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) 5,627.

" (b) 23,937 applications were sanctioned from 29th August 1947 when Government took over the undertaking to 1st January 1954 and supply was given to all these applicants during the period.

" (c) During 1952–53 a sum of Rs. 4,65,631 was collected as installation costs and Rs. 2,40,587 as security deposits."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" May I know the number of new services given per month on an average? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put."

* 705 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications were received by the Madras Electricity System authorities for giving electric connections during the year 1952–53;

(b) how many of them were sanctioned and in how many cases works have actually been carried out; and

(c) the amount they were able to collect by way of advance for giving electric connections?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) 7,272.

" (b) 2,306 and 2,213 respectively.

" (c) Rs. 10,93,350."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 682–683 infra.